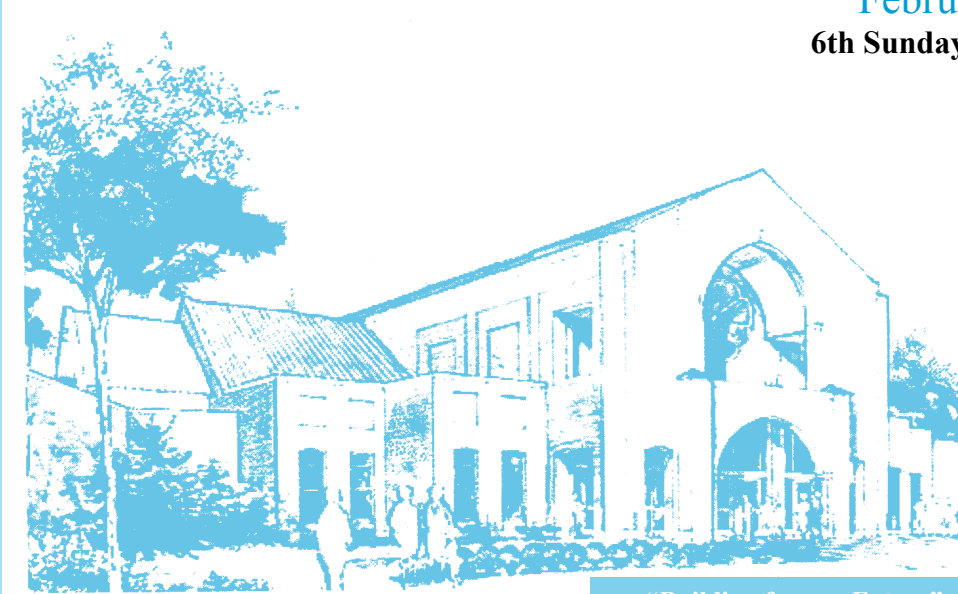


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

February 11, 2007
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Building for our Future”

We are called one by one and as a community to become part of the living presence of Jesus Christ. We are united with the Father and strengthened and enlivened by the Holy Spirit. We are committed daily to love and serve others as Jesus did.

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday, 5:00PM

Sunday, 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Sunday: 5:00PM Misa en Español, Chapel

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00AM, Chapel

Holyday: Consult the bulletin

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation (Reconciliación) English & Español

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

Anytime by appointment. (Cualquier horario para una cita)

Marriage (Matrimonio)

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to wedding date. (Contacta la oficina de la parroquia al menos seis meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio).

Baptism (Bautismo)

To participate in the Baptismal Program please call the Parish Office. Instruction for parents is required. (Para participar en el programa bautismal, por favor llama a la oficina de la parroquia. Instrucción para los padres es requerida.)

Sick Calls (Llamados para enfermos)

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments. (Llama a la oficina de la parroquia para hacer arreglo y recibir los sacramentos.)

Catholic Charities : Located at St. Thomas Aquinas — 292-2759

Religious Education for the whole parish family



Generations of Faith

February 11: Noon
February 14: 5:30PM
February 18: 5:00PM

Topic: Lent in Word and Symbol

Pre-school

Program is held during 10:30AM Mass the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. February session: 18

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

YIKES!

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

Wednesday, February 21: ASH WEDNESDAY—Youth Group will not meet.

Friday, February 23: WINTER LOCK-IN, 5:00PM-7:00AM* Meet in the Education Center entrance. We're going to Des Moines for roller skating, Rock-n-Roll bowling and fun. Attendees must have attended YIKES at least twice since August. **Parent Chaperones Needed.**

*The Lock-In will end at 1:00AM if there are not enough chaperones. Permission slips (available in RE office) are due by February 21.

Visit the Webpage at www.stceciliaparish.org, go to "Middle School Youth Group" for a schedule of activities.

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

February 21, (Grade 10) 7:30PM : Ash Wednesday Mass, Church

February 25, (Grades 9, 11, 12) 7:00-8:30PM, Class—Stations of the Cross and Making Choices

February 28 (Grade 10) 7-8:30PM: Class

Lent begins, February 21. Please begin reflecting on "How can I deepen my spiritual awareness" and "Why am I Catholic".

NCYC—Is it for you? Don't miss a chance to witness with 25,000 other Catholic teens—music, workshops, keynote speakers. Columbus, Ohio, November 8-11. \$400.00 includes transportation and lodging. Contact Joe for more information.

Appalachia Service Trip applications are available in the RE office. Forms must be completed with deposit of \$125. Verbal commitments not accepted due to number of expected applications.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, February 12.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets in the A/Y Room, 9:30-10:00AM for open discussion and 10-11:00AM for Bible Study. Babysitting provided. Next session: February 13.

RCIA: meets Sundays in the Adult/Youth Room following 8:30AM Mass. New inquirers welcome. For more information contact John at 232-3514.

Baptism

Our next preparation session is Thursday, March 29, 6:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth Room. All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session. To register for the class or schedule a baptism, please call the parish office at 233-3092.

We Love Our Volunteers!!!

Volunteer Appreciation
Saturday, February 17, 6:00PM
Supper served

Music by Sound Track.

If you have cooked, baked, mowed, moved dirt, trimmed trees, served on a committee, taught, babysat, lectured, sung, served coffee & donuts for funeral lunches, helped decorate, or served the parish in any other way, you are cordially invited to attend.

Sound Track
.....praising Him in song

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Scout Sunday, February 11

Saint Cecilia parishioner and scout leader, Mike Heitzman has been awarded the St. George Emblem from the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The St. George award is a national award given to recognize the recipient's outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. It is approved by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and the Boy Scouts of America. The award will be presented at the 10:30AM Mass.



Good Samaritan/Food Shelf

Next weekend is our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection weekend. Suggested items include baby foods; canned meat products; packaged, shelf stable main meals; hamburger helper; peanut butter; pasta; spaghetti sauce; canned fruit; cereal; toiletries; laundry detergent; and disposable diapers. Thank you for your continued generous support.

St. Anne Circle will meet Tuesday, February 13, 9:00AM in the St. Clare Room. Guest speaker is Barb Mittman, Community Education Specialist for Youth & Shelter Services.

St. Gertrude Circle will meet Tuesday, February 13, 1:30PM in the St. Clare Room.

Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers & Single Seniors, group will meet for brunch, February 18, 11:45AM at Perkins. For reservations or information, call Pat Rood at 232-3594 by Saturday, February 17.

Lenten Religious Goods and Book Sale, Friday, February 23, 5-7:00PM and after all Masses, February 24/25. This is an excellent opportunity to invest in spiritual reading material for Lent or purchase gifts for First Eucharist or Confirmation.

A Parish Potluck will be held Tuesday, February 20, 6:00PM in the Social Hall. Fried chicken, beverage and table service provided. Please bring a large salad, side dish or dessert to share.



Parent Teacher Conferences Tuesday, February 13– Thursday, February 15 with 1:30PM dismissal.

No School: February 19-President's Day

**Saint Cecilia School Kindergarten Round Up
Monday, February 26, 7:00PM, Social Hall**

Parents are invited to attend an informational meeting and register their Kindergarten students. Please bring a copy of your student's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, physical and immunization record, if updated, (or will need on the first day of school). \$100 deposit requested. If you have any questions, please contact Lois in the school office (232-5290).

Forum: February 18, 1:00PM, Social Hall

In August, 2006 at the direction of the Parish Council, the School Expansion Committee was established to determine if school expansion is feasible given the current trends in enrollment and class size.

The School Expansion Committee recommends a transitional expansion that would allow another two section kindergarten for the 2007-2008 school year and allow another in each of the next four years if the need persists. The entire report is available on the parish website www.stceciliaparish.org and a copy is available in the parish office for your review.

An open forum will be conducted February 18, 1:00PM in the Social Hall to share information regarding this proposal and to hear your thoughts. If you are unable to attend, you can submit your concerns to Chuck Gilarski, Parish Council President at cgilarski@mchsi.com or contact the parish office at 233-3092.

The Sound of the Lenten Season

With Ash Wednesday only a couple of weeks away (February 21), our Liturgies will soon "speak" of the Lenten season. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and of renewal. One of the natural sounds of the Season of Lent is silence. In keeping with the Season of Lent, this year we wish to offer quiet instrumental music during the preparation of the gifts and silence during communion to facilitate deeper individual prayer. Returning our hearts to God, we pray for the strength to serve the world as peacemakers, reconcilers, healers, and cross-bearers.

Saint Cecilia Spiritual Growth & Liturgy Committee

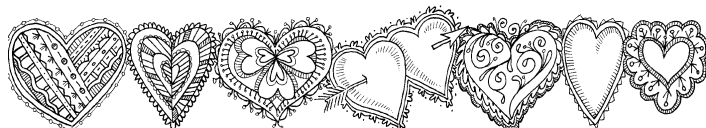
Ash Wednesday Mass times

7:00AM, 9:00AM, 5:00PM, 7:00PM

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dates

February 23, March 9, March 30

St. Thomas will hold Fish Fries on March 2 & 23.



Stewardship: The words of the Psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Happy are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that Hope, may we bear fruit in due season—assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Ride to Mass

A parishioner living at The Rose in southwest Ames would like an occasional ride to Mass. If you could provide assistance, please call Joan at the parish office.

Ministry Fair

Thank you to all the Organizations who participated in the Ministry Fair. Congratulations to the following drawing winners:

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| Megan Baughman | Jenni Mortimer |
| Wayne Baumhover Family | Dave Naughton |
| Todd/Johna Clancy | Huy Nguyen |
| Janice Coder | Ardyce Petersen |
| Anita Cody | Rosalie Peterson |
| Norma Jean Colburn | Polashek Family |
| Ron/Laura Frantzen | Stacy/ Jon Ryan |
| Bob Greenwood | Sellberg Family |
| Mike Gregan | Mary Smith |
| Barbara Gillette | Marie Swenson |
| Larry/Kris Gross | Matt/Diana Thatcher |
| Cynthia Hogan | Carolyn Thogerson |
| Peg Jacobson | Casey Ungs |
| Margie Kannel | Dan/Patti Willadsen |
| Howard/Lois Lehmkuhl | |



Small Faith Sharing Groups who would like to use The Diocese of Victoria Lenten resource, *Disciples on the Journey* please contact the Religious Education Office. **Persons interested in joining a new small group should also call the RE office at 232-3514.**

Tuition Assistance Applications Now Available

The Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools are pleased to announce that tuition assistance applications are now available at all local Catholic School offices. The *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization (STO)* offers expanded opportunities for qualifying families to afford the Catholic School of their choice. The STO will be awarding over \$1.34 million to families whose children are enrolled in grades K-12 for the 2007-2008 school year, and whose adjusted gross income is at or below 300% of the federally recognized poverty rate. As an example, a family of four making \$60,000 or less qualifies. The application must be postmarked or electronically submitted by March 1, 2007. All families are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information con-

Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE"—"WE BELIEVE"

CHAPTER ONE: MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD

IV. How Can We Speak About God? - Paragraph 42: God transcends all creatures. We must therefore continually purify our language of everything in it that is limited, imagebound or imperfect, if we are not to confuse our image of God—"the inexpressible, the incomprehensible, the invisible, the ungraspable"—with our human representations. Our human words always fall short of the mystery of God.

Operation Andrew

On February 20, Fr. Nienhaus will be taking anyone who is interested in the vocation of the priesthood to St. Thomas Aquinas, here in Ames, for an evening of discernment. Catholic males between the ages of 18-45, single and possessing a desire to serve should contact Fr. Niehaus at 233-3092. Take a moment to ask yourself what God is calling you to do with your life.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

RE-Treat Your Relationship...Your Family

Sunday, February 18, 3:00-6:00PM

Panels of 3 couples share experiences in various stages of marriage

Fr. Michael Amadeo offers pastoral reflections on marriage.

Time for couple discussion/reflection/prayer

Light meal at 6:00PM

Babysitting (0-2), Activities for children ages 3-12 includes pizza supper

Register by February 13 (292-3810)

Full of Grace...Women and the Abundant Life

(A Women's Lenten Bible Study)

What? An 8 week journey of discovery and transformation as you explore the great call of your femininity: learning about some of the great women saints, including the Blessed Virgin Mary, discovering your great dignity and vocation as a daughter of God and the feminine genius that is yours by virtue of your gender.

When: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00PM beginning February 28

Where: Home of Janine Greenwood, 2407 Lakeside Drive

Cost: Workbook, \$25. Smaller books, \$10.

Pre-register by calling Char VanKerckvoorde, 233-2695 Lynn Lynch, 233-6057 or Janine Greenwood, 232-1359.

COMMUNITY

The Ames Interfaith Council will hold its annual meeting, a potluck supper, Sunday, February 18, 6:00PM, Collegiate United Methodist Church, Fireside Room, 2622 Lincoln Way. The guest speaker will be Connie Ryan Terrell, executive director of the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa. All are welcome. Call Barbara Gwiasda at 232-7582 if you have questions.

Please remember in your prayers:

MALINDA TALKINGTON, mother of Al Talkington, and **MARJORIE JENSON**, mother of Cynthia Hogan, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 10

5:00PM: Magdalene Walsh

Sunday, February 11

8:30AM: John & Gladys Konechne

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: Meredith Rothrock

(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, February 13

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters Intentions

Wednesday, February 14

7:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

9:00AM: Mary Ann McCuskey

Thursday, February 15

7:00AM: Richard DuCharme Family

Friday, February 16

7:00AM: Don Finnegan

Saturday, February 17

5:00PM: Michael McPeak

Sunday, February 18

8:30AM: Sylvester Upah

10:30AM: Jim Olsson

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Prayer Opportunities

(Held in the Chapel)

Scriptural Rosary: Monday, 7:00AM

Evening Prayer: Monday—Friday, 5:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration: The chapel is open for adoration.

Intercessory Prayer Group: Sunday, 9-10:00PM

Rosary: Monday, 7:30PM, and Tuesday-Friday before 7:00AM Mass

Christians in the Spirit: Tuesday, 7:15-9:00PM

Saturday Morning Prayer: 7:00AM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Friday, 3:00PM

(The Chaplet takes about 10 minutes to recite. St. Faustina, who was declared a saint in 2000, stated "The 3:00 hour is the 'Hour of Great Mercy' for the graces we most need." Everyone is welcome.)



Parishioner **Bernadine McDonald** will celebrate her 90th birthday on February 14.

Cards may be sent to 301 Main St. Apt. 411, Ames, IA 50010.

Readings for the Week of February 11, 2007

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38